

**Proposed Change to the Local Rules of court for San Luis Obispo
to become effective July 1, 2005**

**CHAPTER 19.
FAMILY LAW DEPARTMENT
PROCEDURES AND POLICIES**

Rule 19.00.1

ASSIGNMENT OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Upon filing of a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage, Nullity or Legal Separation, an Action for Paternity or other matter routinely assigned to the Family Law Department, cases will be randomly assigned for all purposes to a judicial officer assigned to the Court's Family Law Division. If the assignment is to a Court Commissioner, the Commissioner shall act as a temporary judge for all purposes with respect to the case without further order of the court unless within 10 days after the filing of the Petition the Petitioner objects to the assignment of the case to a Commissioner, or unless within 10 days after Respondent's first pleading is filed, Respondent objects to the assignment of the case to a Commissioner. Failure to object within the time periods set forth herein is deemed a stipulation to the assignment of the Commissioner as a temporary judge for all purposes. The duties and powers of the Commissioner acting as a temporary judge in such assigned cases include but are not limited to conducting all pre-trial motions, orders to show cause, applications for domestic violence restraining orders, trial of all issues framed by the pleadings and all post-trial motions and hearings, whether or not contested, and such other matters that arise while the Commissioner is exercising the powers, duties and functions of a Superior Court Judge. Relief from the stipulation is available as set forth in California Rules of Court, Rule 244(g). (Eff. 7/1/2005)